

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 471

OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle A of title III add the following:

1 **SEC. 309. FIRE SAFE ELECTRICAL CORRIDORS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In any special use permit or ease-
3 ment on National Forest System land provided to an elec-
4 trical utility, the Secretary may provide permission to cut
5 and remove trees or other vegetation from within the vicin-
6 ity of distribution lines or transmission lines without re-
7 quiring a separate timber sale, if that cutting and removal
8 is consistent with—

9 (1) the applicable land and resource manage-
10 ment plan; and

11 (2) other applicable environmental laws (includ-
12 ing regulations).

13 (b) USE OF PROCEEDS.—A special use permit or
14 easement that includes permission for cutting and removal
15 described in subsection (a) shall include a requirement
16 that, if the applicable electrical utility sells any portion
17 of the material removed under the permit or easement,
18 the electrical utility shall provide to the Secretary, acting
19 through the Chief of the Forest Service, any proceeds re-

1 ceived from the sale, less any transportation costs incurred
2 in the sale.

3 (c) EFFECT.—Nothing in subsection (b) shall require
4 the sale of any material removed under a permit or ease-
5 ment that includes permission for cutting and removal de-
6 scribed in subsection (a).

